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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

HIROMI OHTAKI ET AL : EXAMINER: KERR

SERIAL NO. : 09/895,382 :

FILED: JULY 2, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

FOR: BACTERIUM PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC ACID AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC ACID

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action of September 23, 2002, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group I and the species trehalose-6-phosphate synthase.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-4;

Group II: Claim 5;

Group III: Claims 6-7; and

Group IV: Claims 8-9.

Applicants have elected, with traverse, Group II for further prosecution.

In addition, the Office has required election of one of the species: